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SUBJECT: GUAYAQUIL INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR

REF: USDOC 17232; GUAYAQUIL'S A-4, FEB. 8, 1974

1. POSTS WELCOME COMMERCE SUGGESTION FOR EXPANSION OF PROJECTED OFFICIAL U.S. EXHIBITION AT FAIR. WHILE WE FEEL THAT EXHIBITORS OF PRINTING AND GRAPHIC ARTS AND BUSINESS SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT SHOULD STILL BE SOLICITED, AND OFFICIAL EXHIBIT FEATURING THESE INDUSTRIES ALONE WOULD NOT BE VIABLE.

2. BASED ON ESTIMATED HIGHEST GROWTH/SALES POTENTIAL, POSTS RECOMMEND ADDITION OF FOLLOWING: AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY (INCLUDING IRRIGATION SYSTEMS), (COMMENT: MASSEY-FERGUSON, IH, J.I. CASE AND JOHN DEERE ARE ALREADY REPRESENTED IN ECUADOR), FOOD PROCESSING AND PACKAGING MACHINERY, METALWORKING AND FINISHING EQUIPMENT, ELECTRICAL GENERATORS AND SWITCHING EQUIPMENT, FISHING AND FISH-PROCESSING EQUIPMENT, CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES AND MATERIALS HANDLING EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN PORTS.

ADDITIONAL LINES OFFERING POTENTIAL BUT CURRENTLY MORE LIMITED SALES ARE THE FOLLOWING: CHEMICAL PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (ESPECIALLY THERMO-PLASTICS AND PETROCHEMICAL PROCESSING), COMPUTERS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT, AND AUTOMOBILE DIAGNOSTIC AND REPAIR EQUIPMENT. AS COMMERCE AWARE, AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY AND FOOD PROCESSING AND PACKAGING EQUIPMENT TRADE MISSION IS SCHEDULED FOR ECUADOR IN FEBRUARY, 1975 AND CATALOG SHOW ON METAL WORKING AND FINISHING EQUIPMENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN JULY. CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT CATALOG

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SHOW IS CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE IN QUITO. FISH PROCESSING

EQUIPMENT CATALOG SHOW WAS HELD IN GUAYQUIL IN MAY, 1974.
NEVERTHELESS, WE FEEL THAT ABOVE PRODUCT LINES ARE OF SUCH
IMPORTANCE THAT THEIR CONTINUED PROMOTION AT FAIR IS DESIRABLE.

3. WE THINK COMMERCE WILL AGREE THAT PARTICIPATION OF NTM/NTE
US FIRMS SHOULD BE STRESSED IN ADDITION TO PARTICIPATION OF ALREADY-
ESTABLISHED LOCAL DISTRIBUTORS OF US GOODS AND SERVICES. POSTS
WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING COMMERCE ESTIMATE OF NUMBER OF US FIRMS IT
EXPECTS TO RECRUIT. CONGEN MUST KNOW SOON IN ORDER TO BEGIN
RECRUITING LOCAL US DISTRIBUTORS TO FILL ANTICIPATED REMAINING
SPACE; IT IS CURRENTLY CONTACTING REPRESENTATIVE FIRMS WITHIN
AFOREMENTIONED PRODUCT LINES TO GAUGE INDUSTRY INTEREST.

4. CONGEN GUAYAQUIL REPORTS THAT ALTHOUGH FAIR MANAGEMENT HIGHLY
DESIROUS OF US PARTICIPATION, IT WILL NOT WAIT INDEFINITELY FOR
CONCRETE REPLY, ESPECIALLY IF ANOTHER COUNTRY EXPRESSES INTEREST
IN PAYING REGULAR PUBLISHED RATES FOR PAVILION BEING OFFERED TO
US. GIVEN THIS SITUATION WE REQUEST THAT USDOC ADVISE SOONEST
DATE WHEN CONTRACT CAN BE SIGNED WITH FAIR MANAGEMENT. IN
MEANTIME, CONGEN WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN COMMITMENT FROM FAIR
MANAGEMENT THAT PROJECTED US PAVILION WILL NOT BE COMMITTED TO
ANYONE ELSE PRIOR TO CERTAIN DATE.

5. PLEASE MAKE GUAYAQUIL ACTION AND QUITO INFO ADDRESSEE ON
FUTURE CABLES DEALING WITH GUAYAQUIL FAIR.
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